

KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
95 Amesbury Road, Kensington, NH 03833
MONDAY May 20, 2019 – 6:30pm
Minutes - DRAFT

In Attendance: Peter Graves, Joe Pace, Vanessa Rozier
Approximately 8 visitors

At 6:32pm, Joe called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Greg Daley of 206 South Rd addressed the Board. Mr. Daley voiced his concerns over the motorcycle noise on Route 107 and he feels that each year it gets worse, sometimes even rattling windows in his home. He had filed a complaint with Former Chief Sanders in the past and learned that the Police Department does not have the decibel meter to monitor noise from motorcycles. Mr. Daley would like to know what can be done to let motorcyclists know that they cannot be loud going through Kensington. Joe responded that his concerns have been heard, and the Board will be addressing noise later in the meeting.

Resident George Gavutis of 217 South Rd reiterated Mr. Daley's comments regarding the motorcycle noise on Route 107, at times making it impossible to have a conversation outside and sometimes late at night. He added that there are also large trucks frequently travelling the road that make a significant amount of noise. Mr. Gavutis asked what could be done by the town and suggested a warrant article proposed for the equipment needed by police to monitor the noise. He would like to see this matter addressed by the town.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department – Chief Scott Cain reported as follows:
 - There was a rabid raccoon that attacked someone and the homeowners called to thank the PD. Residents should be vigilant and stay away from and report any animals showing unusual behavior.
 - Officer Wlasuk will be assigned to Community Policing and he will become involved in the community events.
 - There was a brief discussion on Police Detail rates. This topic will be addressed at the June 3rd meeting.
 - The PD trained with the Town for CPR and Narcan. The police will be carrying Narcan once training is completed.
- Fire Department – Chief Jon True reported as follows:
 - FF John Lebel and FF Jeremy Poder have passed FF2 Class and exams. Congrats to them!
 - There are 5 students taking EMT classes and they are doing well
 - All air tanks used for SCBA were hydro tested and hose testing will be completed in June. SCBA testing and ladder testing will be later in the year. All equipment is tested every other year.
 - There were problems with burn permits phone line yesterday, issue has been resolved.
 - Presented a draft for the bid for the ambulance to the Board. Intent is to use that money to assist the PD in purchasing a new vehicle and FD would get the older PD vehicle.
 - Attended a meeting with dispatch vendor and will need to invest in radio equipment. Chief True is working on a grant to defray this cost.
- Emergency Management - Chief Jon True reported as follows:

The first All Hazard Mitigation Plan (AHMP) meeting was held. The process will take more time than originally expected. The public is welcome, and if there are concerns about a specific area, please call Chief True to discuss prior to a meeting.

 - A reminder: Anyone who needs a walker, wheelchair, is bedridden, has hearing or visual impairments or disabilities, please contact Chief True at the FD or his cell 603-918-1615. This information is important to help first responders!
 - NH-ENS is a new alerts system the State of NH is putting out. The system can automatically send emergency messages to everyone without requiring a sign up. Other non-emergency alerts (i.e. school closures, road

closures) can be sent out to all who sign up. The Board appointed Jonathan True and signed the Primary Point of Contact for the NH Emergency Notification System (NH-ENS).

- There is a contract for the town fireworks show. Chief True suggested that the Board request a list of what size fireworks will be shot, because that determines the perimeter required. Some concerns about the final cost of the show were raised. The Board will seek additional information and revisit at the next meeting.
- Road Manager – David Buxton reported as follows:
 - Patching was done on Wild Pasture today. There is still patching to be completed on Kimball Rd.
 - A resident called to report erosion on the shoulder of Muddy Pond Rd. David presented the Board with 2 bids to pave a 2 foot shoulder and additional repairs to prevent the issue going forward. Coastal Paving bid a total of \$6,925.00. Matrix bid a total of \$6,100.00. **At 7:00pm, Peter made a motion to award Matrix the job addressing the erosion on Muddy Pond Rd. Vanessa seconded. All voted in favor.**
 - David provided the Board a list of qualified bidders for road reconstruction.
- Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin was not present, but tax bills were mailed out of Friday.
- Building Inspector- Norman Giroux was not present.
- Treasurer- Sara Belisle was not present.
- Town Clerk – Carol Beers Witherell was not present.
- Recreation Committee- Elaine Bodwell reported as follows:
 - There was a Recreation Committee meeting last Wednesday where summer camp was discussed. 4 Counselors have been interviewed and the committee is trying to finalize those positions.
 - There was discussion on items needed for the Festival Day. The Board advised that the Recreation Committee put together a budget for the event for approval.
 - Discussion on the camp counselor salaries and updates on the summer camp program. The Board advised that the Recreation Committee put together a budget for summer camp program for approval.
 - Peter will work with the Recreation Committee to help them create a budget for Summer Camp Program so that the budget can be addressed by the Board at the Special Board Meeting on Wednesday 5/22 at 8am.
- Sawyer Kensington Trust- Hez Mercadante reported as follows:
 - The Trust has hired a cleaning company for the park.
 - Parking was an issue at the Park several weeks ago, but guests of the park were not using the overflow parking. Bruce Cilley has overflow parking signs and there are additional parking signs that were taken down when Trundlebed was paved. Those signs will need to be reinstalled.
 - The concession stand will not open this year, however if a not-for-profit town organization would like to open the concession stand and do a fundraiser, the Trust will allow it, provided waivers are signed and under no circumstance can anyone under the age of 16 be in the concession stand.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 107 Noise Matter- Resident Dawn Frost of 129 South Rd addressed her concerns of excessive engine break usage on Route 107. Mrs. Frost has started researching solutions on her own and has contacted NHDOT and NH State Police Troop G. She also spoke with Corporal Gorski about the situation. She asked the Board of the possibility of a town ordinance disallowing the use of engine breaks. Joe said that he and Chief Cain did some research in what other towns have done and several around have amended their noise ordinance/ public nuisance/ disorderly activities. There is a process through NHDOT for signage to be installed, but that must first go through an approval process. Chief Cain explained that in order to enforce a noise ordinance, the officers need to be able to monitor the decibel level. Chief Cain provided a brief overview of relevant RSAs. Chief Cain will try to find out what other towns have seen for costs associated for signage, equipment, and training. Chief Cain spoke with Sergeant of NH State Police Troop G as far as how this would be enforced in court. Chief Cain will call Division 6 of DOT that maintains the road and find out what needs to be approved from the Highway Safety Department. Mrs. Frost asked what the ordinances are on residents posting signs. Kathy will send that information to her.
- Excavation Permit – Vanessa will reach out to the applicant for additional information/discussion.
- Short Term Rentals – The Board reviewed Bill SB69 addressing short term rentals. Chief True said that this bill will help the town create an ordinance and will establish who is responsible for inspecting these units. Chief True provided background on how some of the surrounding towns are dealing with this. Vanessa will also discuss with the Planning Board and Rockingham Planning Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Assessing Office – Kathleen Felch presented the following:
 - Retail Food Application – Food License Renewal for Sawyer Park at a cost of \$225.00, paid for by the trust. **At 8:05pm, Vanessa made a motion to authorize Joe to sign the Retail Food Renewal Application. Peter seconded, all voted in favor.**
 - Solar exemption – The Board reviewed a Solar Exemption request for Map 8 Lot 48. **At 8:07pm, Vanessa made a motion to sign the Solar Exemption for Map 8 Lot 48. Peter seconded, all voted in favor.**
 - Abatements- Rogers; Northern Utility; Unitil will be reviewed by the Board and discussed at the next meeting.

Approval of Board Minutes- May 6, 2019 – **At 8:08pm, Peter made a motion to approve the Minutes from the May 6th meeting. Vanessa seconded, all voted in favor.**

- Next Meeting Date – There will be a special meeting on May 22, 2019 at 8am at the Town Hall. The next regular meeting will be June 3, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

At 8:09pm, Peter made a motion to adjourn. Vanessa seconded, all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Lalime